

## SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 239

By Finney R.

A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize Van LaBruce Smith,  
2007 Valedictorian of William Blount High  
School.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to pay tribute to those students who, through their natural talents and unflagging commitment to academic excellence, have distinguished themselves in the classroom; and

WHEREAS, Van LaBruce Smith is one such exceptional student who was recently named Valedictorian of the 2007 graduating class at William Blount High School (WBHS); and

WHEREAS, through diligent study, steady composure during examinations, and steadfast commitment of time and talent, Mr. Smith has achieved outstanding academic success and has joined the ranks of the best and brightest students in Tennessee and our country; and

WHEREAS, in his remarkable high school career, Van has earned an exemplary 4.0 grade point average; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his status as a stellar scholar, this exceptional young man has earned numerous other accolades; he was selected All-State-East Trumpet Player; was voted "Most Likely To Succeed" by his senior classmates; and placed first on the Roane State Academic Festival Biology Exam; and

WHEREAS, a valuable participant in his school's activities and his community's affairs, Van is a member of several academic, social, and civic organizations, including Boy Scout Troop 888, Mu Alpha Theta, Beta Club, National English Honor Society, Academic Decathlon team, Venture 88, WBHS Jazz/Stage Band, WBHS Concert Band, and the WBHS Marching Band; and

WHEREAS, an esteemed leader among his peers, he has served with distinction as Drum Major and Trumpet Section Leader of the WBHS Marching Band, President of Mu Alpha

Theta, Senior Patrol Leader of Boy Scout Troop 888, and as his school's delegate to Boys State; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Smith's display of intellectual aptitude and ambition surely bodes well for his success in college and throughout life; and

WHEREAS, Van's noteworthy achievement is a tremendous source of pride for his parents, Ivan and Kimberly Smith, his school, and his community; and

WHEREAS, Van Smith's dedication to excellence is clearly deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of this legislative body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and commend Van LaBruce Smith, 2007 William Blount High School Valedictorian, on his impressive academic achievement and extend to him our best wishes for a happy, successful future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.